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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD EG  
SUBJECT: NEW BOYCOTT COMMISSIONER GENERAL  
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1. NEWLY APPOINTED BOYCOTT COMMISSIONER GENERAL SAYED AL-BARQI IS, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, NOT TOO WELL KNOWN HERE. AS AN EGYPTIAN CITIZEN, GOE HAD TO GIVE ITS APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENT. FONMIN KAMEL INFORMS US THAT

HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT KNOW AL-BARQI, BUT SIGNED THE DOCUMENT ON THE BASIS OF ASSURANCES FROM MFA STAFF THAT THE CANDIDATE WAS "MODERATE". EGYPTIANS WERE ANXIOUS TO RETAIN THE POSITION. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT AL-BARQI'S LONG-STANDING DEPUTY STATUS TO THE FORMER BOYCOTT COMMISSIONER GENERAL MAHGOUB MEANT THEY COULD PROPOSE HIM AS A CANDIDATE EXPERIENCED IN BOYCOTT MATTERS. KAMEL OPINED THAT AL-BARQI WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO GOE SUGGESTIINS.

2. ARAB LEAGUE SOURCES NOTE AL-BARQI HAS BEEN LIVING IN DAMASCUS FOR PAST FOUR YEARS AS DEPUTY BOYCOTT COMMISSIONER GENERAL. OUR ARAB LEAGUE CONTACTS HAVE THEREFORE NOT BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM RECENTLY. PRIOR TO BECOMING MAHGOUB'S DEPUTY, THEY RECALL, AL-BARQI WAS HEAD OF ARAB LEAGUE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OFFICE FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS.

3. ARAB LEAGUE ASSISTANT SYG MUHAMMED RIAD, WHO WAS FORMER EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN BOYCOTT RELIEF FOR VARIOUS AMERICAN COMPANIES, ALSO ASSERTS AL-BARQI IS A MODERATE. HE BELIEVES THAT UNDER AL-BARQI, THE BOYCOTT COMMISSION WILL BE MORE WILLING TO BE FLEXIBLE IN BOYCOTT MATTERS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE CAUTIONS THAT AL-BARQI WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESSURE FROM LIBYANS, ALGERIANS, IRAQIS AND KUWAITIS TO APPLY RIGOROUS BOYCOTT REQUIREMENTS. RIAD WAS HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT AL-BARQI'S DESIGNATION AND PRESUMED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH GOE MAY HELP TO RESOLVE SUCH OUTSTANDING BOYCOTT PROBLEMS AS FORD, XEROX, COCA COLA AND OTHERS. EILTS

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